

Public Law 99-297
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Joint Resolution

To designate the week of May 11, 1986, through May 17, 1986, as "National Osteoporosis Awareness Week of 1986".

May 12, 1986
[S.J. Res. 285]

Whereas 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with osteoporosis, a degenerative bone condition; Whereas approximately 25 percent of postmenopausal women in the United States develop osteoporosis;

Whereas 32 percent of women and 17 percent of men who live to the age of 90 will likely suffer a hip fracture due primarily to osteoporosis;

Whereas more than 50,000 older women and many older men die each year in the United States as a result of hip fracture complications;

Whereas hip fracture complications often result in loss of independence for older persons;

Whereas approximately \$6,000,000,000 is expended annually in the United States for health care costs relating to osteoporosis;

Whereas osteoporosis is associated with the loss of bone tissue due to lack of estrogen and low calcium intake;

Whereas the majority of persons are unaware of the condition of osteoporosis; and

Whereas the best treatment for osteoporosis is prevention through education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of May 11, 1986, through May 17, 1986, is designated as "National Osteoporosis Awareness Week of 1986". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.

Approved May 12, 1986.

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